

Amendments to the Claims

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) A dual-mode keypad, comprising:

a plurality of dual-mode keys that each include an associated telephony character and at least one associated text-entry character, a plurality of single-mode text keys that each include an associated text-entry character, and a plurality of single-mode function keys that each include an associated function entry;

the dual-mode keys including one or more toggle keys, each toggle key having two associated text-entry characters and one associated telephony character;

the dual-mode keypad being operable in a telephony mode and a text-entry mode;

when the dual-mode keypad is operating in text-entry mode, the dual-mode keys being operable to input the associated text-entry characters, the toggle keys each being operable to input a first text-entry character when a first portion of the toggle key is pressed and to input a second text-entry character when a second portion of the toggle key is pressed;

when the dual-mode keypad is operating in telephony mode, the dual-mode keys being operable to input the associated telephony characters, the toggle keys each being operable to input one of the associated telephony characters when any portion of the toggle key is pressed;

wherein the dual-mode keys are arranged in three central columns of keys with four rows.

27. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the keypad comprises twenty-four or more keys.
28. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the keypad has an odd number of columns greater than three.
29. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the telephony characters on the dual-mode keys are arranged in a telephony-style pattern.
30. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the dual-mode keys are larger than all other keys on the keypad.
31. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the toggle keys have a plurality of switches that consist essentially of three switches.
32. (New) The keypad of claim 26, wherein at least one of the toggle keys are operable to input a third text-entry character when a third portion of the toggle key is pressed.
33. (New) The keypad of claim 32, wherein at least one of the toggle keys are operable to input a fourth text-entry character when a fourth portion of the toggle key is pressed.
34. (New) The keypad of claim 26, wherein each toggle key includes a first switch that is engaged when the first portion of the toggle key is pressed and a second switch that is engaged when the second portion of the toggle key is pressed.

35. (New) The keypad of claim 26, wherein each toggle key includes a first switch that is engaged when the first portion of the toggle key is pressed, a second switch that is engaged when the second portion of the toggle key is pressed, and a third switch that is engaged when any portion of the toggle key is pressed.

36. (New) The keypad of claim 35, wherein the third switch provides a tactile response when any portion of the toggle key is pressed.

37. (New) The keypad of claim 34, wherein when in telephony mode, the telephony character is input by engaging either the first switch or the second switch.

38. (New) The keypad of claim 26, wherein the text-entry characters are arranged in a QWERTY-style keyboard pattern.

39. (New) The keypad of claim 26, further comprising one or more functional keys that are operable in one of the telephone mode or the text-entry mode.

40. (New) The keypad of claim 26, further comprising one or more functional keys that are operable in both the telephone mode and the text-entry mode.

41. (New) A mobile device, comprising
a memory subsystem;

a communication subsystem;

a processing subsystem configured to store and retrieve data in the memory subsystem, to execute instructions stored in the memory subsystem, and to cause the communication subsystem to transmit and receive data over a communication network;
and

a dual-mode keypad configured to input data to the processing subsystem, the dual-mode keypad comprising:

a plurality of dual-mode keys that each include an associated telephony character and at least one associated text-entry character, a plurality of single-mode text keys that each include an associated text-entry character, and a plurality of single-mode function keys that each include an associated function entry;

the dual-mode keys including one or more toggle keys, each toggle key having two associated text-entry characters and one associated telephony character;

the dual-mode keypad being operable in a telephony mode and a text-entry mode;

when the dual-mode keypad is operating in text-entry mode, the dual-mode keys being operable to input the associated text-entry characters, the toggle keys each being operable to input a first text-entry character when a first portion of the toggle key is pressed and to input a second text-entry character when a second portion of the toggle key is pressed;

when the dual-mode keypad is operating in telephony mode, the dual-mode keys being operable to input the associated telephony characters, the toggle keys

each being operable to input one of the associated telephony characters when any portion of the toggle key is pressed;

wherein the dual-mode keys are arranged in three central columns of keys with four rows.

42. (New) The mobile device of claim 41, further comprising:

executable predictive text program code stored in the memory subsystem and comprising instructions operable to cause the mobile device to predict a complete word or phrase from one or more text-entry characters input to the mobile device when the mobile device is in text-entry mode.